

Clean Version of Claims of Amendment Filed 10/10/02:

13.(Amended) A suspension for a data storage device, the suspension comprising:

a suspension body formed from a layer of metal; and
a composite stiffener formed from a composite material and bonded to a portion of the suspension body by an adhesive.

21.(Amended) A suspension for a storage device, the suspension comprising:

a suspension body formed from a layer of metal; and
stiffener means formed of a composite material for increasing the stiffness of selected areas of the suspension and bonded to the suspension body by an adhesive.